

House State & Local Government Committee Amendment No. 1

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by deleting in its entirety all the language following the enacting clause, and by substituting instead the following language:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-35-503, is amended by designating subsection (d)(1), as (d)(1)(A), and by adding the following language to subsection (d)(1) to be designated as subdivision (B):

(B) (i) The provisions of this subdivision shall be known and may be cited as the "Victim's Participation Rights at Parole Hearings".

(ii) The parole hearing shall be held at a site where video interactive communication between the defendant, the hearing officers and the victim can occur. If video interactive equipment is not available at a site where parole hearings are generally held, the department of correction and the board of paroles shall acquire the necessary equipment over a three (3) year period following the effective date of this act to enable victims to participate in the parole hearing via telecommunications.

(iii) The board of paroles may make arrangements with public or private entities across the state which possess such interactive equipment to utilize such equipment at local sites on dates when parole hearing are to be held so victims could be witnesses and play an active role at the parole hearing through this medium.

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SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare  
requiring it.